

I am opposed to any increase in telegraphy code speed proficiency testing to obtain a U.S. amateur extra license. I am, however in FAVOR of adopting most other provisions this proposal sets forth. Extra class licensing should be based solely upon an applicant's demonstration of technical knowledge in electronics, radio theory and amateur operating standards, alone---not on an applicant's proficiency (above 5wpm) in telegraphy code skills. Manual telegraphy skills should be self-developed by any licensee who chooses to pursue and practice that time-honored means of communicating via traditional Morse code/CW, not have it forced upon them as a prerequisite to expanded phone operating priveleges.